

**Maritime-related Public Health Activities
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60-Day Public Comment Period

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Comment: CDC needs to explore standards-based reporting (e.g. FHIR APIs) from maritime medical record systems.

As a result, cruise ship illness surveillance needs to allow automated reporting of illness events that could align with NEDSS and support structured death notifications which align with the Medicolegal Death Investigation FHIR IG. Interoperability needs to occur between maritime medical systems and public health agencies.

CDC Response: CDC appreciates this comment and agrees that automated reporting and public health interoperability would improve timeliness of outbreak response and coordination with state and public health agencies. We will take this into consideration as we work towards modernizing and advancing health information exchange with CDC and partner data systems.